

To the FCC:

NAB's petition 04-160 is an obvious attempt by the "free" broadcasters to stifle a legitimate and valuable alternative to their offerings. The fact that XM satellite radio's audience pays for the content should be a material consideration in this contest. To regulate airwaves that are consumed by the general public is one matter. To regulate airwaves that are consumed by the paying public is categorically different. I revel in the quality that XM offers. I appreciate the valuable information imparted by their traffic and weather channels. In fact, more information regarding traffic and weather is viewed by me as an enhancement to safer automotive navigation. As custodians of public welfare, surely all at the FCC as well as elected officials can agree that public safety is worth enhancing.

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